

Life Changing Principles of Freedom #6

Principles of Freedom from the flesh

1. Don't trust the flesh

Gal 5:13 NKJV

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Gal 5:13 MSG

13 It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom.

2. Life dominated by the flesh is a hard life

Gal 6:8 TLB

8 If he sows to please his own wrong desires, he will be planting seeds of evil and he will surely reap a harvest of spiritual decay and death; but if he plants the good things of the Spirit, he will reap the everlasting life that the Holy Spirit gives him.

Gal 5:19-21 NKJV

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Flesh means sinful impulses and carnal cravings

Manifest means become visible, to appear and become known.

Adultery & Fornication...

All sexual activity outside of marriage, including homosexuality.

**Pornography refers to writings or reflections about prostitution.
(Mental prostitution)**

Uncleanness...

Lewd or unclean thoughts that eventually produce lewd or unclean actions.

Whatever you give your mind to will eventually be your master.

Lewdness (Lasciviousness)

Describes excess refers to excessive consumption of food, or wild undisciplined living that is marked by unbridled sex.

Idolatry

- a. **Worship of graven images**
- b. **To work or serve: devotion and service to something a person worships – devotion, passion, love, commitment,**

1 Sam 5:1-4 NIV

After the Philistines had captured the ark of God, they took it from Ebenezer to Ashdod. 2 Then they carried the ark into Dagon's temple and set it beside Dagon. 3 When the people of Ashdod rose early the next day, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! They took Dagon and put him back in his place. 4 But the following morning when they rose, there was Dagon, fallen on his face on the ground before the ark of the Lord! His head and hands had been broken off and were lying on the threshold; only his body remained.

Rom 12:1-2 NKJV

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

What do you think about more than anything else?

What consumes most of your thoughts?

What do you live for?

3. Unplug the flesh

Gal 5:16 NKJV

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.